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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DULLES

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SUBJECT: Future Status of the [REDACTED] Mission and of Pilot [REDACTED]

1. At the NSC meeting of 9 November, the Council adopted an amendment to paragraph 3 of NSC 169, affecting the future status of the [REDACTED] mission and of our pilot assets. At the Planning Board stage, there was general agreement to language that would have directed Defense to complete its plans by the first of the year to take over [REDACTED], and thereafter to implement these plans as soon as practicable. However, the JCS comments demurred to this, and the Council adopted their language, which calls for the submission of our final report (which would happen in any case) on the pilot, after which Defense is to report within 60 days, to ODM, stating what it regards as a productive effort in terms of return for costs. The exact language of the Planning Board agreed proposal, and of the final action, are on the attached page as Annex A.

2. The Planning Board was never given a debriefing by Mr. [REDACTED] on the discussion surrounding acceptance of the JCS view, presumably because of references to NSA interests. Moreover, [REDACTED] now informs me he did not keep any notes -- presumably for the same reason. Therefore, we have been unable to give General McClelland and Mr. Johnson any guidance as to the exact intended meaning, and whether there were any collateral understandings expressed in talk at the meeting. Their worry is that, on its face, the final text appears to relieve Defense of any firm obligation whatever to take over the [REDACTED] from us, and does not compel them to rush their plans to completion. In short, they are worried that the text permits almost indefinite stalling, leaving us with troublesome problems of handling the assets. Finally, they may wish to know whether you desire the final report to be accelerated.

3. Accordingly, I recommend that you talk to General McClelland about this at your earliest opportunity.

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ANNEX A

In 15 October memorandum for NSC, the Planning Board recommends that subparagraph 3 (b) be changed to read:

"(b) The Department of Defense, in appropriate liaison with the Central Intelligence Agency, will complete a plan early in calendar year 1955 for an effective [REDACTED]-type operation, and will implement such plan as soon thereafter as practicable."

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On 9 November NSC adopted the following subparagraph 3 (b):

"(b) after the Department of Defense has examined, in consultation with the Central Intelligence Agency, the final report on [REDACTED] Pilot operations, the Department of Defense will advise the Office of Defense Mobilization within 60 days as to the recommended degree of continued monitoring of the Soviet jamming effort that will be economically desirable in view of anticipated results."

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